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	AA	8-329375	12/13/1996	Japan	Partial		Yes
	AB	2001-306360	11/02/2001	Japan		X	Yes
	AC	2002-230198	08/16/2002	Japan	Partial		Yes

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References AA-AC were cited in the Notice of Reason for Rejection issued August 12, 2008 in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-100172.

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<b>LIST OF ADDITIONAL SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS</b>	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	APPLICATION NO.
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